

To: Chairperson Schubart and Trustees
From: Chief Tom Bremner
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Sub: SSIFR Monthly Report (March / 2011)



- It gives me great pleasure to report after several years of preparation and numerous months of training, the SSIFR successfully completed all three; Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation tests on April 9th 2011, each in their first attempt. To all involved no matter what the role you played, "Thank you". The residents within the effected boundaries that will be determined by the FUS experts will now experience fire insurance rate savings. In using the words of the evaluator who noted; "This was the best organized and structured testing process I have ever experienced". Well Done! SSIFR members and support members walk tall and proud, you have earned it by conducting a "Historical Event", with 100% success.
- Members have received training on our American LaFrance pumper. There are a number of warranty items being addressed before it will go into service. Our Mini Pumper is in the pre-construction phase with the manufacturer. Unit 509 will be back in service within the month.
- CFSI radio is hosting a weekly Salt Spring Fire Rescue on air information session. The airing times are; Monday morning at approximately 9:15am and Tuesday evening at approximately 5:00pm. Topics vary weekly.
- Renovations to our Ganges fire hall kitchen are taking place. A three way partnering contribution has made this possible. When completed it will create improved kitchen space, modern appliances and less health safe problems.
- Members continued to be busy this month with training, work duties and calls for assistance. In **March** the SSIFR responded to **57 calls for assistance**.

Response types were:

First Responder	24
Alarms	5
Complaints	13
Chimney Fires	2
Public Assists	4
Motor Vehicle Incidents	3
Misc	3
Hydro	3



➤ **Fire Inspection Division report for March:**

Commercial Inspections	20
Commercial Re-inspections	12
Responses to Emergencies	30
Category 3 Burn Pile Inspections	13
Review of Fire Safety Plans	2
Subdivision Reviews	6
Driveway Inspections	1
Car Child-Seat Installs	2
Battery Smoke Alarm requests	10
Public Information Sessions	4
Fire Extinguisher Training	1 Sessions (6-Adults)
Public Education Tours	3 Sessions (30-People)
Paperwork / Administration	Endless

- March was a steady month with the focus being; to catch up on all 2010 remaining inspections, (which were over-due), while maintaining, up and coming inspections as well. The ability now to re-inspect in a timely fashion has proven very successful with cooperation from business owners and operators and our Inspection Division capabilities.
- We are now including stats relating to the SAFE (Smoke Alarms for Everyone) program. This is a joint initiative between the SSI Rotary Club and SSIFR. The program has been very well received by the public. We visited 10 homes in March. At least 2 of those homes did not have working smoke alarms prior to our visit.
- Another initiative the SSIFR has undertaken worthy of mentioning is the; Prevention Vehicle decaling program. This is an opportunity for local businesses to show their support to Fire Prevention, by advertising their company logo on our Inspection / Prevention support vehicles. To date, we have 9 decaling spots confirmed. We will continue to invite other businesses to join in until all available space is taken. Support received from this program will go back into the general operating budget.
- We have also received a number of positive responses and invitations to our program for voluntary inspections of all B&B's. Letters went out to over a hundred B&B's offering a fire safety visit, offering tips of fire prevention, fire extinguisher checks as well as smoke alarm inspections.
- Burning permits are required effective April 15th until October 1st 2011 for all types of burning. Permits can be obtained at the Ganges Fire Station during regular office hours. Category 3 Machine piles require an inspection prior to a permit being authorized.
- Request for an In – Camera Session (Property / Legal / Personnel)